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Jack Oman
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Re: Anaconda Copper Mine Site OU1
Approval of Bedrock Groundwater Assessment Technical Memorandum

Dear Jack,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of the following document: *Bedrock Groundwater Assessment Technical Memorandum, January 28, 2016*. Based on our review we have concluded the document provides a reasonable summary of information concerning the geochemical and hydrologic conditions observed in bedrock monitoring wells installed in the OU-1 study area. No significant deficiencies were noted during this review. Therefore the document now becomes an appendix to the forthcoming Remedial Investigation Report. Please note that the RI Report will still need to summarize bedrock conditions in the main body of that document and EPA will want to review that text for consistency.

EPA looks forward to working together with ARC and technical stakeholders to complete the RI Report. Please contact me with any questions or comments.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Seter", is positioned below the "Best Regards," text.

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Cc: Anaconda Copper Mine Site Technical Stakeholder Group